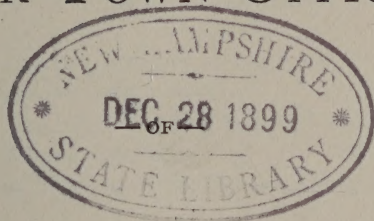








REPORT  
OF THE SELECTMEN,  
AND  
OTHER TOWN OFFICERS



ENFIELD, N. H.,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1881.



# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

L. S.

To the inhabitants of the town of Enfield, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said town, on Tuesday the eighth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To choose three Selectmen, Town Clerk, Overseer of the Poor, Town Treasurer, and Superintending School Committee for the year ensuing.

3d. To choose all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing.

5th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools for the year ensuing.

6th. To see how the town will divide the school money for the year ensuing.

7th. To see how much money the town will raise to repair highways for the year ensuing.

8th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen in regard to the amount of compensation per hour to be allowed for labor on the highways for the year ensuing.

9th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the town farm.

10th. To see if the town will adopt the provision of chapter 78 of the General Laws relating to side walks.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, 1881.

J. G. SPENCER, } Selectmen  
J. S. PILLSBURY, } of  
HENRY WHITE, } Enfield.

A true copy of warrant.

Attest:

J. G. SPENCER, } Selectmen  
J. S. PILLSBURY, } of  
HENRY WHITE, } Enfield.





## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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We, the undersigned, Auditors for the town of Enfield, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Overseer of the Poor, for the year ending March 1st, 1881, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for, and submit the following Report,

GEORGE W. BURNHAM, }  
 AMOS M. BRYANT, } Auditors.

WYMAN PATTEE, TREASURER,

*Dr.*

Cash on hand as per Report for 1880,	\$2,715 54
Received of J. F. Jones, taxes of 1877,	20 00
“ Wallace Putnam, taxes of 1878,	38 00
“ Wm. Walcott, taxes of 1879,	176 33
“ Wm. Walcott, taxes of 1880,	8,254 15
“ Wm. Walcott, county order,	425 59
Received Savings Bank Tax for 1880,	853 65
“ Literary Fund,	119 88
“ Railroad Tax for 1880,	1525 56
“ Coupons State Bonds,	150 00
Received of D. M. Ladd, Liquor Agent,	34 25
“ J. G. Spencer, for plank sold,	1 32
“ E. B. Huse, rent of office,	7 50
Interest on balances in Treasury, to Jan. 1,	62 35
	—————\$14,384 12

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Paid State Tax,	\$1,648 00
“ County Tax,	2,774 41
“ Wm. Walcott, Overseer of the Poor,	1,675 00

## DAMAGES TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid C. H. Webster, October, 1879,	\$5 00
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## DAMAGE ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Wm. R. Brownell, damage to self and team on bridge at Fishmarket,	\$10 00	
Paid E. R. Moody, damage to wagon on the potato road,	2 50	
Paid A. C. Jones, damage to horse and wagon on bridge near Huse & Berry's shop, in 1879,	10 00	
Paid James Edwards, damage to sleigh on George Hill road,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 50

## BOUNTIES.

Paid bounty on 15 hawks,	\$3 00
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## WATER TROUGHS.

Paid B. C. Leach, for 1879 and '80,	\$4 00	
“ Wm. J. McConnell,	2 00	
“ Henry Cummings,	2 00	
“ A. C. Jones,	2 00	
“ G. W. Johnson,	2 00	
“ Joseph Huntoon,	2 00	
“ F. H. Wells,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 00

## BREAKING ROADS LAST YEAR.

Paid G. F. Thompson, \$1 25	E. R. Moody, 1 60	
Simon Horton, 1 00	A. Kidder, 4 50	
	J. M. Cole, 4 50	
	<hr/>	\$12 85

## LABOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS, LAST YEAR.

Paid E. R. Moody, \$2 40	H. B. Jones, \$3 00	
W. H. Moody, 9 00		
L. C. Pattee, for 1 M ft. plank, used in No. 4 district,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 40



## LABOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid

Hial Follansbee,	\$9 92	F. P. Haskins,	\$23 75
W. O. Chamberlin,	13 58	J. E. Gile,	7 05
J. B. Thomas,	8 00	N. A. Huntley,	32 28
B. F. McCollister,	31 90	A. G. Page,	24 45
D. Goodrich,	8 68	Silas Burnham,	6 10
Harry Huse,	2 00	I. S. Babbitt,	1 00
Henry Cummings,	1 73	J. F. Kimball,	42 50
		C. H. Waterman,	1 75

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 \$214 69

## MATERIALS FOR HIGHWAYS.

Paid

G. B. Noyes, for 1730 ft. plank,	\$11 24
S. R. Truell, 500 ft. plank and stringers,	4 00
Hial Follansbee, for 76 feet plank,	49
J. H. Tupper, for 950 ft. plank,	7 60
B. F. McCollister, for lumber,	2 50
B. F. Denison, for 417 ft. plank,	3 34
C. H. Waterman, 340 ft. lumber,	2 72
C. H. Waterman, for gravel, powder and fuse,	1 81
Smith Marston, 1470 ft. timber and plank,	11 76
Wells & Flanders, 8427 ft. hemlock lumber,	75 81
Wells & Flanders, for 6 logs,	2 65
Wells & Flanders, for 5 iron washers,	1 00
E. F. Foster, for 1702 ft. plank,	15 36
Smith Marston, for 3950 ft. plank,	13 19
F. P. Haskins, for 1,000 feet plank,	7 00
J. E. Gile, for 280 feet plank,	2 25
J. F. Kimball, for plank,	19 29
E. B. Huse, for gravel,	4 50

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 \$186 51

## REPAIRING BRIDGE NEAR HUSE &amp; BERRY'S SHOP.

Paid

N. S. Holt, for 72 1-2 hours' work,	\$12 08
O. C. Brown, for 7 days' work,	10 17
William Tilton, for 3 days' work,	4 50
J. G. Spencer, for 3 days' work,	4 50
Smith Marston, for 1,471 feet timber,	22 06
W. D. Fleming, for iron work,	4 92
Stephen Laffee for do,	70
Huse & Berry, for lumber,	35

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 \$59 28

## REPAIRING SHAKER BRIDGE.

Paid	
Henry White, for 30 days' work,	\$40 00
J. S. Pillsbury, for 21 1-2 do,	25 00
O. V. Shattuck, for 13 1-2 do,	13 50
Ralph Morey, for 12 1-2 do,	12 50
B. W. Pinney, for 14 do,	15 00
John Tilton, for 3 do,	3 00
Thomas Laffee, for 28 do,	28 00
Eleazer Gilmore, for 25 do,	25 00
G. W. Cross, for 3 do,	3 00
H. E. Cross, for 32 1-2 do,	32 50
Wilder P. Cross, 29 do,	29 00
Michael O'Day, for 35 do,	35 00
Joseph Blake, for 22 do,	22 00
Edward Powers, for 14 do,	14 00
A. A. Cox, for 2 1-4 do,	3 00
J. J. Follansbee, for 20 1-4 do,	20 25
Frank Cross, for 20 do,	15 50
E. B. Huse, for 41 days' work of horse,	41 00
E. B. Huse, for 13 days' work of A. L. Cross,	13 00
F. Babbitt, for 1 1-2 day, man and oxen,	4 50
C. M. Trescott, for repairing cart harness,	35
J. B. Follansbee, for freight on 4 carts from Concord to Enfield,	10 40
J. B. Follansbee, for freight on 4 carts from Enfield to Concord,	10 40
C. H. Norton & Son, for use of four carts,	30 00
Smith Marston, for 400 feet spruce lumber,	4 40
John Bradford,	
for 13,840 feet round lumber,	64 14
for 864 feet plank,	7 81
Paid Wm. Fleming, for iron work,	4 50
3 new shovels,	3 00
Use of 3 shovels,	1 50
99 1-2 days' work of men,	99 50
61 days' work of horse,	61 00
34 days' work of oxen,	51 00
35 days' board of help,	14 00
Work of Thomas Steadman,	12 00
W. D. Fleming, for iron work,	28 59

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 \$797 34

Thomas Steadman, worked of highway taxes,	\$60 00	
Hiram Baker, worked of highway taxes,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$85 00
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		\$882 34

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid		
W. O. Chamberlin,	\$15 55	A. G. Page, \$15 35
J. T. Kimball,	15 18	E. R. Moody, 19 10
Harry Huse,	4 00	N. W. Sawyer, 18 60
F. P. Haskins,	22 00	D. M. Stevens, 3 20
I. S. Babbitt,	2 00	B. C. Leach, 19 10
Harry Cummings,	3 00	J. E. Gile, 2 55
B. F. McCollister,	34 90	H. Follansbee, 25 60
D. Goodrich,	9 71	C. H. Waterman 10 20
J. G. Jackman,	23 93	E. R. Dustin, 2 10
	<hr/>	\$246 07

## PAID ON NOTES.

Paid		
No. 164, Rachael Codman, endorsed,	\$30 00	
146, Emily E. Clark, in full,	286 68	
216, A. C. Jones, do,	895 30	
218, J. F. Stockbridge, do,	352 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,564 23

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

F. P. Fisher, return of births and deaths,	\$ 3 00
Val Manahan, " " "	6 00
C. B. Nichols, " " "	1 50
J. A. Davis, " " "	50
W. H. Moody, damage to plow on highway,	2 00
Edward Powers, for board of child,	35 00
C. B. Nichols, in accordance with vote on article 10 in warrant March 10, 1880,	25 00
William Gage, annuity and interest,	225 45
Morrill & Silsby, for books,	5 84
John W. Johnson and W. H. Moody, for digging ditch and wells near Smith Marston's mill pond,	20 00



John Graves, for lighting lamps in bridge to Nov. 15, 1880,	\$8 50
H. D. Colby, for lighting lamp in bridge,	12 00
J. F. Bryant, for spikes and sheet lead for culvert near Smith Marston's,	88
J. F. Bryant, for lumber and labor enlarging desk at Town House,	5 72
John Dresser, for 7 guide posts and boards,	8 00
Pattee & Currier, bill, sundries,	10 67
Pattee & Currier, rent of office,	15 00
J. B. Thomas, snowing bridges,	3 00
A. B. Freeman, for printing 1880 reports,	28 00
William Walcott, expenses in advertising Frank Merrill farm,	9 00
Lorenzo Currier, damage to plow on highway,	3 00
J. F. Bryant, for six days' work rebounding school districts,	8 00
J. F. Bryant, for postage,	93
A. M. Bryant, paid for team to Lebanon on 1880 reports,	1 00
Smith Marston, for 2480 ft. plank,	22 32
A. M. Bryant, school district tax No. 11,	165 00
C. A. Packard, school district tax No. 12,	25 00
G. W. Burnham, expenses on 1881 reports,	2 00
J. G. Spencer, for stamps and stationery,	2 10

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\$654 41

### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid J. G. Spencer, Selectman,	110 00
J. S. Pillsbury, "	60 00
Henry White, "	60 00
Wm. Walcott, collecting taxes 1879,	80 00
J. F. Bryant, Town Clerk,	24 00
Wyman Pattee, Treasurer,	20 00
Smith Marston, Supervisor, two years,	10 00
W. F. Smith, " one year,	5 00
G. W. Burnham, " one "	5 00
G. W. Burnham, Auditor,	5 00
A. M. Bryant, "	5 00
J. C. Currier, S. S. Committee,	75 00

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\$459 00

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Dist. No. 1,	J. C. Currier,	\$573 37	
2,	B. W. Pinney,	91 92	
3,	Ruth R. Jones,	79 03	
4,	J. L. Gove,	103 27	
6,	J. H. Tupper,	99 42	
7,	E. R. Moody,	83 84	
9,	Stephen Laffee,	139 00	
10,	J. A. Little,	98 41	
11,	Elizabeth F. Bryant,	181 47	
12,	Villa L. Packard,	82 06	
13,	John Bradford,	240 44	
14,	S. E. Follansbee,	83 13	
15,	Orson Day,	99 57	
16,	John Barker,	56 79	
17,	B. F. Thurston,	90 09	
18,	H. C. Baker,	89 07	
	E. A. Washburn, Springfield,	3 41	
			\$2194 09

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by Treasurer,	\$14,384 12
Paid State Tax,	\$1,648 00
County Tax,	2,774 41
Wm. Walcott, Overseer of Poor,	1,675 00
Damage to Sheep,	5 00
Damage on Highways,	24 50
Bounties,	3 00
Water Troughs,	16 00
Breaking Roads last year,	12 85
Repairing Highways last year,	22 40
Repairing Highways,	214 69
Materials for Highways,	186 51
Repairing Bridge near Huse & Berry's,	59 28
Repairing Shaker Bridge,	797 34
Breaking Roads,	246 07
Paid on notes,	1,564 23
Miscellaneous bills,	654 41
Town Officers,	459 00
School Money,	2,194 09
Cash in Treasurer's hands.	1,827 34
	\$14,384 12

## TAX BILLS.

## 1877 Bill.

Reported due last year,	\$32 02	
Paid to Treasurer,	20 00	
Now due,	<hr/>	\$12 02

## 1878 Bill. Abatements.

Oscar Gates,	\$3 78	D. A. Boyd,	\$3 81	
John W. Johnson,	1 65	Fred, Marshall,	1 65	
Octave Thomas,	1 65	Dominic Paro,	1 65	
			<hr/>	\$14 19

Reported due last year,		\$56 24	
Abatements,	\$14 19		
Paid to Treasurer,	38 00		
	<hr/>	\$52 19	
Now due,			\$4 05

## 1879 Bill.

Reported due last year,		\$180 73
Wm. Withington, abated,	\$ 2 40	
Wm. Walcott, over tax,	2 00	
Paid to Treasurer,	176 33	
	<hr/>	\$180 73

## 1880 Bill. Abatements.

Wm. Chamberlin,	\$1 45	G. A. Elliot,	\$2 56	
James Godfrey,	8 70	Thomas Hill,	1 45	
George Nichols,	1 45	J. A. Page,	1 45	
J. Summers,	1 45	Wm. Withington,	2 18	
L. B. Wood,	2 90	John Colby,	5 80	
Wm. McConnell,	1 45	Charles McConnell,	1 45	
L. C. Jackman,	1 45	Wm. Kimball,	1 45	
Edwin Green,	1 45	Lewis Hall, 2d,	1 45	
F. J. Packard,	1 45	W. B. Stevens,	4 30	
W. H. Moody,	2 00	C. E. Gray,	1 45	
B. L. Thurston,	2 18	Wm. Loverin,	5 45	
Wallace Russell,	1 45	G. F. Thompson,	3 75	
			<hr/>	\$60 12

Whole amount of tax bill,		\$9,798 83
Paid to Treasurer,	\$8,254 15	
Abatements,	60 12	
Discount made,	\$177 36	
Interest collected,	6 15	
	<hr/>	\$171 21
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		\$8,485 48

Now due,	\$1,313 35
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# NOTES, WITH INTEREST ADDED, AGAINST THE TOWN.

No. 164.	Rachael Codman,	5 per cent.,	\$560 04
173.	Rose S. Fogg,	"	13 04
189.	Belinda Stevens,	"	197 70
192.	J. M. Nelson, Treas.,	"	81 00
204.	D. N. Ladd,	4 per cent.,	150 62
205.	Val. Manahan,	"	115 85
211.	Emma F. Clough,	"	325 35
212.	George W. Seaver,	"	91 35
213.	Hannah Seaver,	"	91 86
214.	Henry Morse,	"	560 56
215.	Eleanor Morse,	"	87 23
217.	C. H. Webster,	"	440 96
219.	Lucy Sanderson,	"	432 64
220.	B. C. Leach,	"	3,308 56
221.	Laura Cogswell,	"	313 66
222.	Julia C. Withington,	"	113 77
223.	Betsey A. Barnard,	"	447 34
224.	Wm. W. Currier,	"	307 98
226.	Lucinda Burnham,	"	91 87
227.	A. V. Huntoon,	"	253 33
228.	Val. Manahan,	"	85 69
229.	Sylvia P. McKinney,	"	242 72
232.	Lucy A. Carlton,	"	735 50
			<hr/> \$9,048 62

## HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Amount laid out in each district for repairing and breaking roads during the year.

No.	Highway tax.	Paid from treasury.
1 B. W. Pattee,	\$536 56	\$47 73 \$584 29
2 Harry Huse.	45 63	9 00 54 63
3 D. Goodrich,	40 41	20 49 60 90
4 F. P. Haskins,	55 83	58 85 114 68
5 Hiram Baker,	72 19	\$25 00 out 47 19
6 E. R. Moody,	17 92	22 34 40 26
7 A. S. Emerson,	67 27	44 23 111 50
8 N. W. Sawyer,	33 04	29 40 62 44
9 N. A. Huntley,	42 99	\$25 from No. 10, 52 81 120 80
10 S. Marston,	108 00	\$25 00 out 83 00
11 C. H. Waterman,	59 46	28 24 87 70

No.	Highway tax.	Paid from treasury.
12 J. G. Jackman,	79 74	23 93 103 67
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14 J. E. Gile,	32 92	11 85 44 77
15 J. T. Kimball,	42 73	76 97 119 70
16 B. F. McCollister,	38 80	84 66 123 46
17 A. G. Page,	20 87	39 80 60 67
18 Hial Follansbee,	23 30	30 01 53 31
19 B. C. Leach,	41 73	19 10 60 83
20 W. O. Chamberlin,	17 07	23 13 50 20
21 T. Steadman,	245 32 \$60 00 out	*4 73 190 05
22		
		<hr/> \$2,174 05

\$60 00 of T. Steadman's highway tax worked repairing bridge.  
 \$25 00 of Hiram Baker's highway tax worked repairing bridge.  
 \$25 00 of Smith Marston highway tax worked in Dist. No. 9  
 \*H. Cummings' bill.

# REPORT

OF THE

## OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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WILLIAM WALCOTT, OVERSEER,

*Dr.*

Cash on hand, as per 1880 Report,	\$ 56 56	
Received County order,	425 59	
Received of Town Treasurer,	1,675 00	
Received of Town of Hanover,	90 75	
Town of Franklin,	83 00	
Mary P. Roberts,	62 00	
Thomas Seaver,	15 00	
John Colby,	11 60	
Heman Burpee,	13 00	
James Follansbee,	2 10	
William Kimball,	10 27	
	<hr/>	\$2,444 87

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## COUNTY POOR.

Paid for L. B. Wood,	\$156 53
Thomas Seaver,	72 89
Sally C. Merrill,	104 00
Josephine Bill,	21 00
Abigail Jones,	8 79
Lucinda G. Moody,	65 00



Paid for B. L. Thurston,	\$16 00	
Nancy Bronson,	37 50	
Emily Maxwell,	32 17	
Emily Smith,	30 50	
Dudley Stevens,	66 75	
Eddie Stickney,	18 00	
Edwin Green,	10 50	
F. A. Heath,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$644 13

## TOWN POOR.

Paid for Heman Burpee,	\$25 00	
Ann E. Seaver,	52 00	
Mary A. Follansbee,	249 69	
Mary P. Roberts,	247 40	
Asa Strate,	80 40	
James Follansbee,	14 84	
John Colby,	28 86	
William Kimball,	82 52	
W. H. Moody,	54 92	
John W. Johnson,	56 81	
E. A. Choate,	15 00	
Mrs. Don Choate,	8 40	
Alexander Stevens,	9 50	
Orrin Morgan,	126 63	
James E. Rollins,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,066 97

Bill of Mary P. Roberts, held back for special reasons,	\$28 05
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Paid for Esther J. White, (Hanover,)	\$90 75
“ E. L. Merrill, (Franklin,)	83 00

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid J. F. Bryant, for taking statements,	\$3 75
“ For transient poor,	245
“ Bill for Samuel Stevens, not report- ed last year,	3 40
Examining Springfield records in Dudley Stevens' case,	2 00
Taking statement in Dudley Stevens' case,	2 00
Legal counsel, in do,	2 00

Expenses in Esther J. White case,	\$6 00	
“ Nancy Bronson case and taking her to Haverhill,	7 85	
Expenses taking J. A. Hammond to Haverhill,	6 50	
“ Orrin Morgan to Haverhill,	6 25	
Expenses in the Thomas Hill case,	7 75	
“ Going to Croydon and examining records in Emma Goodhue case,	3 00	
Legal counsel in do,	2 00	
County bill not reported last year,	2 56	
Boarding J. A. Hammond,	2 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	10 00	
William Walcott, services,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$119 51

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by overseer,		\$2,444 87
Paid for county poor,	\$644 13	
“ Town poor,	1,066 97	
“ Town of Hanover,	90 75	
“ Town of Franklin,	83 00	
Miscellaneous bills,	119 51	
Paid Town treasurer, County order,	425 59	
Cash on hand,	14 92	
	<hr/>	\$2,444 87

## LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

D. N. LADD, LIQUOR AGENT.

Cash on hand as per 1880 report,	\$34 25	
Cash Rec'd for sales from Mar. 1st, 1880, to Mar. 1st, 1881,	659 65	
	<hr/>	\$693 90
Paid for Liquors and fixtures,	\$517 70	
Paid town Treasurer,	34 25	
Agent's salary,	75 00	
Cash on hand due the town,	66 95	
	<hr/>	\$693 90

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

Liquor and fixtures on hand, Mar. 1st, 1880,	\$162 05
“ “ “ “ 1881,	\$157 40
Net profit to town,	\$62 30



State of New Hampshire, bonds in hands of Wyman Pattee, Treasurer,	\$2,500 00
Due on Town farm note, in hands of Wyman Pattee, Treasurer,	\$928 53

STATEMENT OF THE GAGE FUND, JAN. 1<sup>st</sup> 1881.

Held in trust by the town, to be expended agreeable to  
bond given April 1870.

Amount not expended, \$1,390 99

Exclusive of the premium on the bonds in which it is in-  
vested.

LIABILITIES MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 1881.

Due on notes with accrued interest,	\$9,048 62	
Ellen Powers,	256 25	
J. H. Stevens, outstanding order,	3 00	
John Bradford, " "	26 20	
	<hr/>	\$9,334 07

## AVAILABILITIES.

Cash in hands of Overseer of Poor,	\$ 14 92	
Stock and fixtures of Liquor Agent,	157 40	
Cash in hands of D. N. Ladd, agent,	66 95	
Balance due on town farm note above \$750 00,	178 53	
Due from the county paid for the support of the poor this year,	644 13	
Due on tax bill 1877,	12 02	
" " " " 1878,	4 05	
" " " " 1880,	\$1,313 35	
Cash in hands of Wyman Pattee, Treasurer,		
Powers' matter,	256 26	
Cash in hands of Wyman Pattee, Treasurer,	1,571 09	
	<hr/>	\$4,218 69
Balance above availabilities,		5,115 38
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		\$9,334 07
Balance last year,	\$6,601 17	
Balance this year,	5,115 38	
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Debt reduced this year,	\$1,485 79	

FUNDS AND PROPERTY NOT AVAILABLE TO PAY  
TOWN INDEBTEDNESS WITH AS YET.

Due from U. S. Government,	\$1,161 41
Gage Fund, in State bonds,	2,500 00
Town Farm Note, (School Fund,)	750 00
Eighty pounds spikes,	2 67
Four and a half M shingles,	6 75
Deed of gravel pit from S. R. Godfrey,	35 00
2480 feet plank, bought of Smith Marston,	22 32
Two tramp houses and furniture.	
Town House.	

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Enfield:*

Upon taking a retrospective view of our schools for the past year, I am inclined to think that there has been some improvement from last year. Some of the suggestions made by your committee in last year's report, were favorably received and acted upon by many of the teachers and parents. There seems to have been a greater degree of earnestness and thoroughness on the part of the teachers.

In some of our schools there has been a decided improvement, while in others the ill feeling among the citizens of the district, engendered at our school meetings, and carried into school matters, has in several instances detracted very much from the success of the schools.

The greater number of visits to the school room by the parents and Prudential Committees, is evidence of an increased interest on their part. There is still chance for improvement in this direction.

The Registers show a great irregularity in the attendance of the scholars, and in my judgment, no other cause is so detrimental to our schools as this. The occasional absence of a scholar prevents them from obtaining a thorough knowledge of the studies pursued, or the whole class with which he is connected, must be kept back. Nothing but the most urgent necessity can excuse their occasional absence from the school room.

I find but few respectable readers in our schools. I attribute it in a great measure to the fact that most of our scholars read in books in which the selections contain many words, the meaning of which they have not the slightest conception, and still the parents neglect to furnish their children with a dictionary, and many of the districts do not even furnish one for the use of the school. Most scholars, I find, reading in books too hard for them. Parrot reading is of but little benefit to the scholar.

I believe the education obtained at our common schools is very superficial. The custom of learning rules, words and phrases to the exclusion of ideas, is almost universal in our schools. It is the testimony of most of our teachers that they have so many classes that they cannot do justice to them. Most scholars have too many studies. A bright, active scholar could take two studies besides reading and spelling; others could do justice to but one. Most teachers are qualified to judge of the capabilities of their scholars after a short acquaintance with them, and I think the parents should take interest enough to consult with the teacher in this matter, and better results will be obtained thereby. The practice of changing teachers every term is much to be lamented. Eight of our districts, I am happy to say, have employed the same teacher throughout the year. There are those in the community who have fitted themselves by a course of study at our normal schools and academies, for the duties of teachers. Such persons should be employed in preference to those who teach for the time being, because nothing better offers. Such teachers have no ambition and no heart in the work.

The great variety of text books used in this town, necessitating a larger number of classes than would otherwise be necessary, is a serious injury to our schools. I have endeavored to secure a uniformity of text books so far as I could do so without much expense, and as far as the Readers are concerned, have accomplished it with very little expense to the scholar.

The teachers in district No. 1, primary and intermediate departments, have given good satisfaction. The harmony that prevailed, and the advancement made, show that these teachers were eminently fitted for their positions. The grammar school in Precinct Hall did not prove to be a success. The place was totally unfit for a school room.



The school in this district has this year been divided into three departments, and although each department has had but two terms instead of three, as formerly, I think the scholars have made more improvement during the past year than has been observable in former years. The winter term of the grammar department is still in progress, and appears to be in good hands. I think this district should make some provision for a permanent division of this school into three departments. The erection of a building, suitable for the accommodation of the higher department, and which might be used for a High School, should one be desired, is what the wants of this district require.

The teachers of the schools in districts No. 2 and 3, have given very good satisfaction, showing the advantages of employing the same teacher through the year.

The teacher of summer term in district No. 4, sustained the former good opinion of your committee. The teacher of the winter term is one of eminent abilities and of large experience, who succeeded in interesting not only her scholars but the district. I was very glad to see the interest manifested by the Prudential Committee, and will here remark that many of the Prudential Committees have taken an unusual interest in their schools this year.

The teacher of summer term in district No. 6, left the school somewhat suddenly, from some cause, and I did not have the privilege of witnessing the close. The school appeared well, at my visit at the commencement. The teacher of fall term in this school did well by the scholars who attended through the term. If any fault could be found with this teacher, it is in his method of enforcing, obedience, which did not seem to work well in one instance. The same teacher was employed to teach the winter term in district No. 15, where he gave perfect satisfaction to all parties concerned.

The teacher of the winter term in district No. 6, although his first experience in teaching, did well so long as the scholars attended the school, and showed that he possessed the elements of a good teacher. This school is composed mostly of small scholars who cannot very well plough the drifts in winter on foot. I think it would be well for this district to have their school earlier in the season, and thereby escape the deep snows and drifts.

The teacher in district No. 7, was employed during the year and much praise is due to her for the efforts she made for the advancement of her scholars. Success attended her labors.

Dist. No. 9 enjoyed advantages inferior to none. Teachers of superior qualifications were employed, and in no school have I seen more earnest effort on the part of the scholars. This school stands the highest in point of scholarship, of any in town.

The summer term of district No. 10, was taught by a teacher without any previous experience, but who gave very good satisfaction to the district, and the examination showed that both teacher and pupils had made good use of their time. The winter term did not prove to be quite as harmonious as could be desired, and consequently the greatest amount of good could not be secured. I think it much the wiser course for parents to encourage their children to obey the requirements of the teacher, although they may be a little unreasonable. Parents and teachers have a duty to perform to those under their care, which should be paramount to any personal feeling.

District No. 11 secured the services of an experienced teacher for the year and as usual good success attended her efforts. This district has done all that could reasonably be asked for the benefit of their scholars. The school house has been repaired and the school room supplied with the most approved school furniture, an evidence that the comfort and health of the pupils is of more importance to them than the accumulation of filthy lucre. A majority of the school rooms in town need repairing and reseating. Most parents study the comfort of their children in their homes regardless of expense. A small outlay in the school room will add more to their comfort than the same outlay in any other direction.

District No. 12 was equally fortunate in obtaining a teacher who has had many years experience in primary schools. The pupils of this school are all young and the teacher consequently was in her element. It was a treat to visit her school. The register shows the most prompt attendance and the fewest tardy marks, showing conclusively that the children were interested in their school.

No. 13, Church Family Shakers, has sustained its former good standing and in point of excellence is inferior to none.

The teacher in No. 14 had her first experience this year. She gave so good satisfaction that she was retained during the year, which speaks well for her ability.

The teacher of the summer term in District No. 15 was a teacher of some experience, and from observation in the school room I judged her well adapted to the position she occupied, and I think the district would have done well to have retained her as she seemed to me not only able to impart instruction but able to govern. The Prudential Committee, however, thinking the school needed the strong hand of a male teacher, secured the services of one who proved himself well qualified for the position.

The teacher of No. 17 taught her first term and was retained through the year, and considering her want of experience did as well as most teachers who have had no special training for the work.

No 18, South Family Shakers, obtained the services of an experienced teacher and the examination of this school showed thorough drill on the part of the teacher and earnest application on the part of the scholar.

The whole amount of school money raised this year is \$2,119.46, for the division of which reference may be had to the annexed tabular report.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy. Those marked \* for two terms.

Dist. No. 1. Arthur George, Mabel P. Doten, Bertha Huse, \*John H. Pattee.

Dist. No. 2. Berton Brown, Willie Brown, \*Fanny S. Perley.

Dist. No. 4. Wynne J. Gove.

Dist. No. 6. Mary A. Fisher, Edna E. Tupper, Horace W. White.

Dist. No. 7. Sarah H. Follansbee, Cora Whitford.

Dist. No. 9. \*Harry Carlton, \*Clarence Morgan, \*Walter Dorothy, \*Eugene Carlton, Earnest Baker, \*George Babbitt, Vinnie Follansbee, Edna Morgan.

Dist. No. 11. \*Gertrude L. Bryant, \*Mary L. Morse, \*Carrie C. Morse, \*Cora R. Lawn (three terms), \*Alice M. Flanders, \*Lula M. Bryant, Lona L. Kimball, John C. Denison, \*Daniel K. Pierce, Edith M. Bryant, Annie B. Green, Mabel P. Harvey, Minnie E. Hall, Gertrude Morse, Katie M. Walcott.

Dist. No. 12. \*Walter S. Moody, \*Inez B. Packard, Barton R. Jones, May L. Jones, Seth K. Packard, Alvah L. Moody, Jenny M. Moody.

Dist. No. 15. Clara H. Church, Etta F. Kidder, Ella G. Merrill, Nellie W. Merrill, Ernest Merrill, Frank Y. Stevens.

Dist. No. 11. Chas. W. Davis, Robert Killerstrum, Geo. Henry Kerkley, Thomas J. Kerkley, Geo. F. Pierce, Eddie Stevens, Arthur Theobald, Frank Washburn.

Dist. No. 17. Leona E. Thurston, Ella H. Thurston, Annie L. Huntley, \*Josie E. Eastman, Eleza J. Thurston, Bennie H. Thurston, Herbert M. Norton.

Dist. No. 18. Lillie M. Ceeley, Elvira C. Eastman, Lizzie M. Morse, Eva L. Stevens.

JOHN C. CURRIER, S. S. Committee.



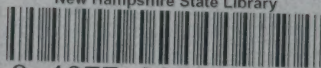








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